



Agricultural Report

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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS UPDATE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

By Joseph Dippel, Director, Farmland Preservation Division

The Connecticut Farmland Preservation Program has preserved four farms comprising over 614 acres in calendar year 2011 to date. Six additional farms are projected to close soon.

Located in three towns and three counties, the farms preserved so far in 2011 are representative of the diversity of farming in Connecticut and the abundance of marketing opportunities. They vary in their production from an active historic dairy in the town of Ashford in eastern Connecticut; to beef cattle, swine, and strawberries in the town of Somers near the Massachusetts state line; to hay land and pumpkins in the central-western town of Woodbury. From a contract with a dairy cooperative, to pick-your-own, to active on-site farm stands, to regional deliveries, these Connecticut farmers are committed to productivity and engaged in direct marketing of their Connecticut grown products.

The development rights to these four farms were purchased by the state for just over \$2.24 million in state bonding, with an additional \$331,542 from the town of Ashford through joint state-town projects. The price per acre paid for the development rights to these farms averages \$4,185 per acre. Richard and Peggy Ann Kuss preserved their scenic farm and historic farmhouse with farm stand in the town of Woodbury through a generous bargain sale and easement donation of 60 acres—a wonderful gift to the people of Connecticut.

These state bond funds, reinvested in Windham, Tolland, and Litchfield counties in our farmers and their agricultural operations, and in our prime and statewide important farmland soils, contribute to local food security, natural resource conservation, and the preservation of our state's agricultural heritage and quality of life. State funds expended are expected to leverage the cost of development rights on qualified farms from the federal Farm & Ranch Lands Protection Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Since inception of the program, development rights have been acquired, or are under contract for acquisition, on 283 farms totaling 37,262 acres. Acre by acre, the program works toward the goal of protecting 85,000 acres of cropland on 130,000 acres of farmland in Connecticut.



Above: Knowlton Farm Dairy, a joint state-town project located in Ashford

If you have been thinking of preserving your farm or farmland, we welcome your application. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis. Preserved farms have met minimum eligibility requirements and have successfully competed with other priority farms for the limited dollars available for farmland preservation. Farms that are not eligible may be referred to other state or federal programs, or to the Connecticut Farmland Trust. For an application or more information on the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Program, please call 860-713-2511 or visit www.ct.gov/doag.

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

April 18, 2011

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen.

EXTRA LARGE	117-120
LARGE	113-117
MEDIUM	97-99

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, Conn., April 18, 2011

Live animals brought the following average prices / cwt. (provided by Middlesex Livestock Auction)

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	28.00	35.00
61-75 lbs.	42.50	48.00
76-90 lbs.	55.00	60.00
91-105 lbs.	65.00	75.00
106 lbs. & up	80.00	85.00
Farm Calves	100.00	110.00
Started Calves	40.00	44.00
Veal Calves	67.00	125.00
Open Heifers	87.00	110.00
Beef Heifers	74.00	84.00
Feeder Steers	91.00	115.00
Beef Steers	85.00	93.00
Stock Bulls	65.00	91.00
Beef Bulls	65.00	87.00
Sows	None to report	
Lambs each	25.00	245.00
Goats each	75.00	235.00
Kid Goats each	30.00	155.00
Canners	Up to	68.50
Cutters	69.00	74.00
Utility Grade Cows	75.00	80.25
Rabbits each	5.00	62.50
Chickens each	4.00	34.00
Ducks each	5.00	15.00

ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

APPLES, Fuji, 88ct, WA	38.00	38.00
APPLES, Gala, 100ct xfcy, WA	35.00	35.00
BANANAS, 40lb, CR	26.00	26.00
BEETS, 25lb sacks, CAN	36.00	36.00
BOK CHOY, 35lb, FL	27.50	27.50
GRAPEFRUIT, Red, 2/5 bu, 40ct, FL	28.00	28.00
JERUSALEM, 10 lb, AZ	43.00	43.00
MESCLUN, 3lb	8.00	8.00
MUSHRMS, Prtbla, 5lb, md	18.00	18.50
MUSHRMS, Shtke, 3lb, md-lg, PA	22.00	23.00
MUSHRMS, White, 10lb, lg, PA	21.00	23.00
ORANGES, Navel, 56ct, CA	16.00	16.00
ORANGES, Navel, 72ct, CA	34.00	34.00
PEARS, Bartlett, 90sz, ARG	36.00	36.00
POTATOES, Russet, 50lb ID	46.00	46.00
SPINACH, 4lb, AZ	14.00	14.00
SWEET POTATOES, 40lb, CA	59.00	60.00
SWISS CHARD, 24s, CA	14.00	14.00

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, April 18, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers 75-80% lean		
75.00-78.00	78.00-79.00	64.00-72.00
Boners 80-85% lean		
70.00-74.50	75.00-76.50	66.00-68.00
Lean 85-90% lean		
65.00-69.00	70.00-73.00	61.00-65.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1		
1630-1945 lbs		86.00-89.50

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

APPLE CIDER, 4 one-gal	18.00	18.00
APPLE CIDER, 9 half-gal	20.00	20.00
APPLES, Macintosh xfcy 80ct	23.00	23.00
APPLES, Macintosh xfcy 100 ct	22.00	22.00
APPLES, Red Delicious, 12/3lb, fcy	17.00	17.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10lb film	4.50	5.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 25 lb loose	28.00	28.00
TOMATOES, Greenhouse 15lb flat	32.00	32.00

SHIPPED IN

ASPARAGUS, 11lb lg, CA	27.00	28.00
AVOCADOS, 60's, CA	42.00	42.00
BEANS, Green Handpicked bu, FL	24.00	24.00
BLACKBERRIES, 12/6oz, MX	18.00	20.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct, FL	15.00	16.00
CABBAGE, Green md, 50lb FL	11.00	11.00
CABBAGE, Red, 50lb FL	14.00	14.00
CANTALOUPE, 9ct, CR	12.00	13.00
CORN, 4 half-dz, FL	12.00	15.00
CUCUMBERS, 1 1/9bu med, FL	16.00	20.00
DATES, 11lb xfcy lg, CA	55.00	55.00
EGGPLANT, 1 1/9 bu med FL	26.00	28.00
ESCAROLE, 1 1/9bu, FL	14.00	16.00
KALE, 16-18s, SC	11.00	12.00
LEEKs, 12's, Mex	20.00	22.00
LEMON, 115ct, CA	20.00	21.00
LETTUCE, Green Leaf, 24ct, AZ	16.00	18.00
MUSHROOM, 10LB, White, lg, PA	16.50	17.50
ONION, Yellow 50lb, NY	12.00	12.00
PEAR, 4/5bu, BOS, 100ct, OR	36.00	36.00
PEAS, English, 1 1/9 bu, FL	35.00	35.00
PEPPER, Cubanelles, 1 1/9bu, med, FL	14.00	15.00
PEPPER, Green bell, 1-1/9bu xl, FL	15.00	15.00
POTATOES, 50lb, Red, sz A, FL	22.00	25.00
RASPBERRIES, 12/6oz lg, CA	30.00	33.00
RHUBARB, 10lb Greenhouse, MI	33.00	33.00
ROMAINE, 24ct, AZ	21.00	21.00
SQUASH, Green 1/2bu md, FL	9.00	10.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1lb, CA	14.00	18.00

Above quotations are based on Boston Terminal Prices

CALVES: All prices per cwt.

Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1

95-120 lbs 140.00-158.00

80-90 lbs 120.00-130.00

Holstein Heifers: Number 1

80-110 lbs 250.00-315.00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:

Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3

40-60 lbs 277.00-300.00

60-80 lbs 238.00-269.00

80-90 lbs 230.00-245.00

90-110 lbs 228.00-243.00

110-130 lbs 219.00-234.00

130-150 none offered

Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3

40-60 lbs 231.00-261.00

60-80 lbs 221.00-243.00

90-110 lbs 198.00-213.00

110-130 lbs 191.00-204.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Medium Flesh

120-160 lbs 83.00-98.00

160-200 lbs 76.00-91.00

Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh

120-160 lbs 63.00-78.00

160-200 lbs 62.00-74.00

200-300 Lbs 58.00-70.00

METROPOLITAN AREA USDA

NEW YORK PRICES

WHITE EGGS TO RETAILERS

For 1 dozen Grade A eggs on April 18, 2011 (based on CARTON sales to retailers)

XTRA LARGE	122-126
LARGE	120-124
MEDIUM	104-108

PENNSYLVANIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

April 18, 2011

Hay and straw market for eastern Pennsylvania. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

	Premium
Alfalfa	170.00-195.00
Mixed Hay	170.00-195.00
Timothy	None to Report
	Good
Alfalfa	150.00-170.00
Mixed Hay	145.00-160.00
Timothy	125.00-140.00
	Fair
Alfalfa	130.00-150.00
Mixed Hay	100.00-130.00
Timothy	100.00-125.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA HOG AUCTION

Monday, April 18, 2011

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	67.00-70.00
	270-300 lbs	68.00-70.00
45-49	300-400 lbs	64.00-66.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	51.00-53.00
	500-700 lbs	53.00-55.50
Boars:	300-800 lbs	25.00-28.50

SLAUGHTER GOATS:

All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on estimated weights.

Kids: 30-40 lbs 108.00-122.00

40-60 lbs 111.00-135.00

60-80 lbs 136.00-158.00

80-90 lbs 172.00-178.00

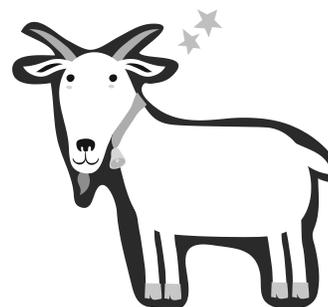
90-100 lbs none offered

Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 122.00-134.00

130-180 lbs 124.00-138.00

Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs 170.00-184.00

150-250 lbs 196.00-210.00



ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

1-R. CT Christmas Tree Growers, CT Sheep Breeders and CT Beekeepers Associations Special Insurance Packages available through Blumenthal/Donahue Insurance Agency—Toll Free 1-800-554-8049, 1-877-267-8323, 1-888-526-8815, ddonahue01@comcast.net or www.hobbyfarmusa.com. Farm Commercial Auto Coverage now available.

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4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

9-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

60-R. Hay 4x5 round bales, square bales 1st cut \$4. & 2nd \$5. 3 yr. Hereford with club calf heifer 1-26, \$1,000. 860-537-1974.

70-R. Hay, 1st cut \$4.00/bale. Feeder calves .90/lb live. Firewood, cut and split \$150/cord – you pick up. 860-916-9449.

71-R. JD 6310 4x4 640 loader - \$27,000. 6405 2wd 620 loader, low hours - \$26,000. IH 986 4-post with roof - \$8,500. JD 750 2wd with loader - \$4,500. JD 5320 2wd low hours - \$13,500. Farmall 300, JD B, Massey 375, JD and IH front and rear wheel weights. 203-530-4953.

72-R. NH 575 balers with throwers, 3 to choose from - \$12,000 and up. NH 258 hydraulic drive rake - \$3,500. IH reset plows 710, 720 4 & 5 bottom. JD 336 with kicker, real sharp \$5,000. NH 311 baler with chute and hitch \$4,500. 2 Case IH 8430 round balers \$6,500 and \$7,500. NH BR 730 round baler like new \$10,500. Case IH SBX 520 baler same as NH 565 like new \$8,000. JD Wheel harrow, kicker wagons new and used. Kuhn 4-star hydraulic fold tedder. New Morra 4-star hydraulic fold tedder \$4,500. New Pequay 11-foot rotary rake \$6,000. NH 256, 258 rakes 5-ton fertilizer spreader \$3,000. Call 203-530-4953.

73-R. Rye straw clean, seedless, excellent for garden mulch. Newly seed lawns, erosion control, animal bedding. 860-289-5188; 860-289-5055.

75-R. Kiln dry sawdust for bedding. Excellent for cows and horses. Good rates. Trailer load. Call for price in your area @ 860-974-3853.

76-R. JD 1219 haybine-\$1500.00. Many extra parts, runs well, stored indoors. 860-437-7828; tomnancy8934@sbcglobal.net.

83-R. Crossbred cows and cows with calves, all A.I. bred, \$1000 to \$1400. Call 860-889-2294.

84-R. For Sale: Beautifully restored farmhouse with garden center, greenhouses, barn. Great location in Niantic, CT. Heavy traffic volume on corner lot. 1.62 acres waterfront. \$689,900.00. Art Clauson @ 860-984-3196.

85-R. Good hay. Good prices. Round bales, wrapped, conventional and organic \$30.00 and up. Square bales: good hay \$4.50, mulch \$3.50. 860-429-9698 or 860-234-1605. Ask for Tom.

87-R. East Hartford: 5 1/2 acre mini farm in town with adequate acreage to keep 3 horses or raise crops. \$289,900. Plainfield: 141 acres 1700 ft road frontage, 3000 ft on Quinebaug River. Boarded by Quinebaug State Wildlife Management, nearly 1/2 crop land. \$1,095,000. Call Clint Charter, Wallace Tustin Tétreault Realty 860.558.3908.

88. John Deere bailer, Befco tedder, New Holland rake. (203)264-1185.

89-R. Used greenhouse frames, Monarail system, 26'X96', 14'X96', flat filler, shade nets, used boilers. Call 860-267-7480.

90. Hay- 1st and 2nd cutting. \$4.50 and \$5.00 per bale. 860-668-2920.

91-R. Rye straw-green and combined, heavy bales with plastic twine. \$6.00 per bale. Volume discount. 860-729-3772 or 860-872-1035.

92. New Holland 310 baler \$3,000.00. New Holland 469 hay bine \$1,000.00. New Holland 55 rake \$900.00. International Cub tractor \$2,200.00. Tel. 860-628-5475.

93-R. Spruce trees 2'-3'. Great for screening/landscape. 860-376-2351.

WANTED

62-R. Prides Corner Farms is a diversified 500 acre wholesale

production nursery located in Lebanon, CT that produces plants for customers in the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic region. Our product lineup includes perennials, grasses, herbs, native plants, trees, shrubs, & edible ornamentals. We are actively seeking individuals for Foreperson Trainees and Grower Interns. Qualified applicants will be enthusiastic, positive minded people that like working outdoors and have an interest in plants. We provide on-the-job training for these full-time career opportunities with benefits. A great team environment! Give us a call or email. Human Resources HR@pridescorner.com 1-860-642-3081 www.pridescorner.com

82-R. Wanted: 18.4-38 Radial tractor tire. Good condition. Call Bill @ 203-237-9400 or 203-641-2284 or wkogut@cox.net.

86-R. Scrap Metal Removal. Fully insured, prompt and reliable family business specializing in scrap metal cleanup. Looking for farms, nurseries, large properties, etc with quantities of scrap (cars, trucks, heavy equipment, farm machinery, etc) We have all the necessary equipment and experience to perform cleanups safely and responsibly. Increase your property values by cleaning up your old scrap metal. Call 860-798-4039.

MISCELLANEOUS

7-R. Farm/Land Specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

NEW ENGLAND HEREFORD ASSOCIATION SPRING PURE BRED SALE MAY 7

New England Hereford Association's 71st Spring Pure Bred Sale will be held on May 7, 2011, 12:00 noon, at the north end of the Mallory Building, Eastern States Exposition grounds.

There are some very special consignments from around the area (CT, MA, PA, ME, NH, NY, VT, and OH), and the selection and depth of this sale is outstanding. Juniors can purchase and show the same weekend at the Big East Regional Hereford Show, held concurrently with the spring sale.

The sale will kick off with a social hour and banquet for all New England members on Friday night, May 6th, 6:00 p.m., at the nostalgic Storowton Tavern in the Carriage house on the fairgrounds of Eastern States Exposition. If you are not a member yet, you can join at the door! More info at <http://www.newenglandhereford.org> or contact Jim Murdock Jr. at 860-582-0774, 860-307-6230, or oldboat@sbcglobal.net.

MARKETING FARM PRODUCTS TO SCHOOLS HARTFORD SCHOOLS FOOD SERVICE TOUR MAY 10TH

The *Exploring Agricultural Marketing: Connecticut Style 2011* tour series, sponsored by the Connecticut Farm Risk Management Team, will feature the Hartford Public Schools Food Service Program on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The tour will showcase how the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farm-to-School Program works with a food service program serving thousands of students. Lonnie Burt, food service director, will direct a tour of the food service warehouse, discussing how school decisions are influenced by food safety; federal, state, and local regulations; and nutritional guidelines. Participants will then tour an environmental sciences magnet school, where lunch will be served. This free tour requires pre-registration no later than May 3. Please send farm name, attendee name, mailing address, and e-mail to Joe Bonelli, UConn Cooperative Extension, 24 Hyde Avenue, Vernon CT 06066, 860-875-3331, joseph.bonelli@uconn.edu.

News and events from local agricultural organizations are published on a first-come, first-served basis as space allows. Submit **concise** summaries (150 words maximum) to linda.piotrowicz@ct.gov for consideration.

There is no guarantee that submissions will be published.

CT GROWN PRODUCER LISTINGS AND BROCHURES

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture offers a variety of online listings on its [Publications](#) page. Applications currently being accepted include the following:

- 2011 Connecticut Agritourism
- 2011 Connecticut Farm Stands/Stores
- 2011 Connecticut Pick-Your-Own Farms
- 2011 CT Grown Dairy and Egg Producers
- 2011 CT Grown Honey Producers
- 2011 CT Grown Meat Producers

These online listings are updated year round and applications can be submitted at any time. Applications can be found on the Department of Agriculture's website at www.CTGrown.gov (click on Publications then the [Commodity Brochures](#) link at the end of the second paragraph).

For more information, please contact Linda Piotrowicz at 860-713-2558 or Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov.

SURVEY FOR POULTRY PRODUCERS ABOUT MOBILE PROCESSING UNIT

The Connecticut Poultry Association is moving forward with its plan to acquire a mobile poultry processing unit for use in the state of Connecticut. A survey has been developed to help us in our planning and construction of the unit and we would like all those with potential interest in using this facility to fill out this short survey. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZB3ZRYZ> to access and fill out the survey.

SHEEP, WOOL, AND FIBER FESTIVAL APRIL 30

The Connecticut Sheep Breeders Association proudly presents the 102nd annual Sheep, Wool, and Fiber Festival on Saturday, April 30, 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., rain or shine, at the Tolland Agricultural Center, Route 30, Vernon/Rockville, CT.

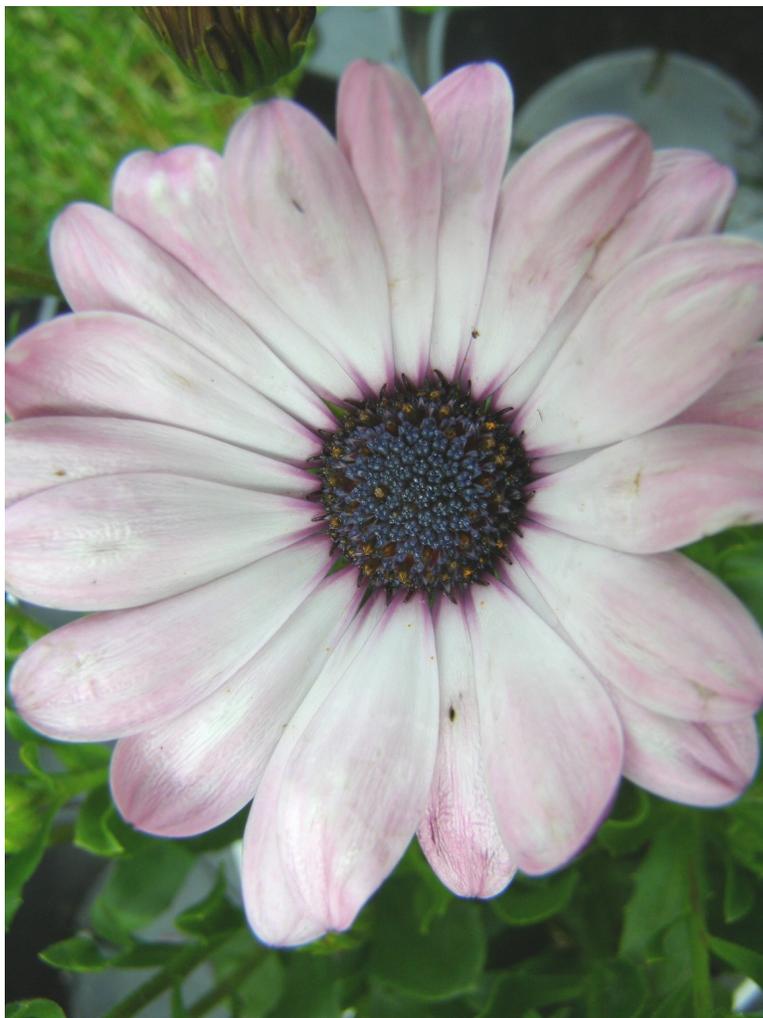
What began in 1909 as a program "to promote the keeping of sheep in Connecticut" has become a unique event providing exhibits, demonstrations and vendors from the sheep, wool, and fiber arena and includes producers from throughout New England. There are also several fiber contests open to all ages. This event is a delightful agricultural and learning experience for the general public as well as shepherds and fiber enthusiasts.

For more info, visit www.CTSheep.com or contact Kevin Woolam, kwoolam@cccfeeds.com, or Cathy Andersen, 860-639-9196, or dragonslairfarm@yahoo.com.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ORGANIC PRODUCERS

USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced a funding opportunity for certified organic producers. Up to \$310,000 is available to Connecticut organic producers to help them plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns consistent with organic production. This includes planting cover crops, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), seasonal high tunnels, or nutrient management systems.

Funding is provided through NRCS' Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), a voluntary conservation program. Interested producers should contact the nearest USDA field office or visit www.ct.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/.



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